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SUBJ: MILITARY MISSION TO KUWAIT

1. WE ARE RECEIVING INFO MESSAGES RE SERVICE CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF CHIEF, MILITARY MISSION TO KUWAIT. I ASSUME THAT IN DUE COURSE CINCEUR WILL RECOMMEND PREFERRED CANDIDATE TO ME FOR APPROVAL.

2. I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE AN ARMY MAN FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF THE MISSION AND WOULD HOPE TO HAVE DEPT'S SUPPORT IN THIS. I ALSO BELIEVE A TWO-YEAR ACCOMPANIED TOUR IS MOST DESIRABLE.

3. I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT INCREASING SIZE OF OUR TDY MIL SALES MISSION IN KUWAIT AT THIS TIME. IT NOW APPEARS THAT ASIDE FROM SOME TRAINING, TRUCKS, AND AN EVENTUAL HAWK SALE THERE WILL NOT BE MUCH ACTIVITY IN THIS FIELD UNTIL CONDITIONS CHANGE -- AND THIS IS UNLIKELY OVER THE SUMMER. I CAN UNDERSTAND DESIRE OF MILITARY TO SEND PERSONNEL ON PCS ORDERS SO THAT THEY CAN BRING HHE AND DEPENDENTS ALONG. HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MEAN ANY CHANGE IN STATUS OF THE SMALL MILITARY SALES GROUP WE HAVE HERE AT THIS TIME, OR ANY AUGMENTATION OF IT.

4. ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD, OF COURSE, CONTINUE WITH OUR CURRENT

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SALES EFFORTS AT PRESENT LEVEL, I BELIEVE IT IS ALSO TIME TO

LOOK FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD AND TRY TO BUILD TOWARD AN EXPANDED
PROGRAM IN FUTURE. TO THIS END I BELIEVE OUR ARMY PROGRAM
SHOULD PROCEED ALONG LINES OF THE CURRENT AIR FORCE PROGRAM,
EMPHASIZING TRAINING OF YOUNGER PERSONNEL. IN LONG RUN THIS
WILL PROVIDE NUCLEUS OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FAMILIAR WITH US
PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT AND ABLE TO COME TO DECISIONS
ON PLANNING AND HARDWARE BASED ON VALID CRITERIA.
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